

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION & TECHNOLOGY) PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION & TECHNOLOGY)

FROM: ACTING DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION REFORM)

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SUBJECT: Synopsis of AR Day 1 Action Items – INFORMATION

PURPOSE: To provide a synopsis of the action items resulting from AR Day 1.

DISCUSSION:

- Action items from the AR Day 1 feedback instrument were grouped into three categories: EC/EDI, CAIV and Communication, Education and Training.
- ARSSG meetings provided a platform for reporting out on action items.
- On February 11th, the Director, EC/EDI reported (TAB A) that feedback overwhelmingly showed that EC/EDI is the best tool of Acquisition Reform, however, it is the least understood. Action items for EC/EDI were grouped into three categories: communications, infrastructure and miscellaneous. A completed or on-going status was reported for the five communications action items. Nine Infrastructure action items (with DISA as the primary office of responsibility) are still in the process of being worked. Four of the five miscellaneous action items are still in process. The fifth item, streamlining the CCR form, is complete. As part of the EC/EDI outreach effort, the Director, EC/EDI distributed an EC/EDI binder (TAB D) that contains a series of two page synopses for each project her office sponsors.
- On February 25th, the DD, S&TS reported (TAB B) that even though all components are implementing CAIV, the overall observation for CAIV is that a significant number of people who do not understand CAIV have not read the CAIV and Cost-Performance policy papers. Specific feedback from AR Day 1 was divided into four interest areas: education & training, stabilization of programs using CAIV, incorporation of CAIV in Service regulations and improvement of cost estimating models. Three separate data sources address the feedback: CAIV plans for ACAT I programs, CAIV plans for other programs and Flagship programs. Flagship programs help us to see what we are doing with the CAIV policy, and how the policy impacts programs. Five workshops have been held to date with two more planned in FY97. Other planned outreach events include: visits to selected contractors to gain understanding of their approach to CAIV; incorporating "ideas" into the Deskbook, as appropriate and creating CAIV instructional materials.
- On February 25th, President, DAU reported (TAB C) that no critical deficiencies were associated with education and training, however, the workforce wants more of it. Six communication enhancements since AR Day 1 have been executed: 1) Ongoing Senior Management involvement. 2) More info distributed on EC/EDI/FACNET. 3) Simplified Acquisition Procedures included in AR Week & DAU courses. 4) IPPD/IPT, CAIV, Open Systems and others included in AR Week & DAU courses. 5) Dr. Kaminski's 12/14/96 memo to accelerate the field's access to the Internet and other means of electronic communications. 6) Market and advertise availability of education and training materials through DAU and ARCC. A clear and distinct message has been sent on Acquisition Reform. Senior management involvement is the key to success.
- Acting DUSD(AR) has forwarded copy of this information synopsis to the CAE's. Copies of the briefing slides and synopsis can be found on the AR Homepage under AR Day 1 Feedback.

COORDINATION: None required.